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Canadian Museums Association Honours Museum Professionals

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 13, 2018 — Yesterday, the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) honoured the achievements of museum professionals at its 2018 national conference in Vancouver, BC. A total of 22 awards were presented during a special awards ceremony, held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel, on Thursday April 12.

President's Award

The **President's Award** was presented to **Yosef Wosk, PhD, OBC**, in recognition of his many contributions and patronage of art institutions, artists and museums across Canada. This prestigious award recognizes exceptional and long-term contributions to museums, the arts and heritage.

Award of Distinguished Service

The CMA salutes the outstanding careers of four dedicated museum professionals:

Debbie Trueman, Nanaimo Museum (Nanaimo, BC);

Shirley Sutherland, North Vancouver Museum and Archives (North Vancouver, BC);

Dr. John Nightingale, Vancouver Aquarium (Vancouver, BC); and

Marie-Claude Reid (retired), Exporail, the Canadian Railway Museum (Saint-Constant, QC).

CMA Awards of Outstanding Achievement

Chaired by David Silcox, these awards recognize exceptional museum projects. This year, 12 Awards of Outstanding Achievement were presented in the following categories:

Conservation

6" Cooke & Sons Refracting Telescope, Ingenium – Canada Museum of Science and Technology (Ottawa, ON)

Marketing

Alberta Culture Days 2017, Grande Prairie Museum (Grande Prairie, AB)

New Media

La Gaspésienne N° 20, Musée de la Gaspésie (Gaspé, QC)

Education

SakKijâjuk: Art and Craft from Nunatsiavut, The Rooms Corporation (St. John's, NL)

Research – Art

Traces of Words: Art and Calligraphy from Asia by **Dr. Fuyubi Nakamura**, Museum of Anthropology at University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)

Research – Cultural Heritage

Historic Furniture of Prince Edward Island by **James W. Macnutt**, PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation (Souris, PEI)

Research – Science

Petrovic Collection by **Dr. George Petrovic**, Ingenium – Canada Museum of Science and Technology (Ottawa, ON)

Exhibitions – Science (budget over \$1 million)

Exhibition Hall – Canada Science and Technology Museum (Ottawa, ON)

Exhibitions – Art (budget less than \$1 million)

Géopoétique, Galerie d'Art Stewart Hall (Pointe-Claire, QC)

Exhibitions – Art (budget over \$1 million)

Shame and Prejudice: A Story of Resilience, Art Museum at the University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)

Exhibitions – Cultural Heritage (budget less than \$1 million)

Explosion 67, Centre d'histoire de Montréal (Montreal, QC)

Exhibitions – Cultural Heritage (budget over \$1 million)

Footprints: A Walk Through Generations, Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute (Oujé-Bougoumou, QC)

Museum Volunteer Award

The CMA, in partnership with the Canadian Federation of Friends of Museums, recognized the contributions of **Sharon J. Proctor** for her volunteer work at the **North Vancouver Museum and Archives (NVMA)**.

Award of Excellence in Philanthropy

The CMA and the Canadian Federation of Friends of Museums, recognized the philanthropic activities of **Michel de la Chenelière** for his projects with the **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**.

ICOM Canada's International Achievement Award

The ICOM Canada International Achievement Award was presented to **Francine Lelièvre**, the **Executive Director** of the **Pointe-à-Callière Museum National Historic and Archaeological Site**, for her commitment to promoting Canadian museology internationally.

The Fellows of the CMA

Nancy Noble, Director and CEO of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, was appointed to join the **Fellows** for her dedication to upholding the CMA's values and mission.

Dr. Shirley L. Thomson Young Curators Award

For their proposed project *Desis in the Diaspora* at the **Sikh Heritage Museum**, **Ishpreet Singh Anand** and the **South Asian Studies Institute** at the **University of the Fraser Valley** received the **Dr. Shirley L. Thomson Young Curators Award**.

The CMA congratulates this year's award recipients for their professional achievements and contributions to the Canadian museum sector.

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About the CMA:

The Canadian Museums Association is the national organization for the advancement of Canada's museum community. The CMA works for the recognition, growth and stability of the sector. Canada's 2,600 museums and related institutions preserve our collective memory, shape our national identity and promote tolerance and understanding. Learn more at www.museums.ca.

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